



Louis Stokes Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center

## **Introduction**

The Louis Stokes Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio is one of 5 facilities constituting the VA Healthcare System of Ohio. It is a teaching hospital providing a full range of primary, secondary and tertiary care services to a veteran population covering 24 counties in Northeast Ohio. The medical center actively supports affiliation agreements, intra-agency agreements, medical education, residency training programs and broad based research initiatives.

Patient care services provided by the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center are based on our mission, vision and values. We are committed to delivering the highest quality and safest health care to our Nation's Veterans.

## **Program Description**

The General Practice Residency is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. It is a one year, hospital-based GPR Program in which the residents are exposed to additional training in clinical dentistry. The program has 4 residents. The residents spend approximately 75% of their time practicing clinical dentistry including rotating through Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for 3 one month blocks. The resident assigned to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery clinic typically maintains the "On Call" pager. The residents attend weekly didactic seminars and formal lectures while on service. While off service, residents attend conferences and grand rounds as is the custom of the Service the residents rotate through. Off- service rotations include Anesthesia and Perioperative Medicine, Otolaryngology and Emergency/ Internal Medicine clinics for 1 month each.

Tour of duty time is from 0800 until 4:30 pm every day, but may be extended as necessary by the Service to which the resident is assigned. Residents carrying the "On-Call" pager are expected to return pages and perform consultations in a timely fashion 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

## **Dental Clinic**

The new dental clinic comprises approximately 10 thousand square feet and was opened in 2011. There are 16 dental operatories and 2 surgical suites. All operatories are A/dec with electric handpiece capabilities. Tulsa rotary endodontic units are standard issue for root canal therapy and a Seiler endodontic microscope is available as needed. The clinic utilizes both a Waterlase MD and handheld diode soft tissue laser. The surgical suites are outfitted with Stryker monitors and equipment. The latest addition to the clinic is the E4D CAD/CAM same day crown scanner and milling unit by Henry Schein. The dental clinic has 14 full and part time attending general dentists and specialists in Oral Medicine, Periodontology, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Endodontics and Fixed /Removable Prosthodontics. Intravenous sedation experience is available during Oral Surgery rotations, but no sedation certificate is available.

## **Salary and Benefits**

PGY-1 dental residents are paid of 48,000.00 per annum, paid every 2 weeks, in addition to being eligible for health insurance. Hospital lab coats and scrub uniforms are furnished by the VA Medical Center. Residents are allowed a total of 15 days of annual leave for personal time. Additional leave may be requested to attend professional meeting and conferences, but must be approved by the dental chief and residency director.

## **Application Requirements**

1. US applicants will be given priority when applying for VA residency
2. All applicants must be a graduate from an ADA accredited dental school (US and Canadian)
3. Applicants must have passed the National Board Examination (Part 1)
4. Applicants must be proficient in the English language.
5. Applicants must be selected by the GPR Director and the Dental Residency Review Board for an interview, which the applicant must attend.
6. Meet licensure requirements necessary to be licensed to practice in a state or territory of the United States or in the District of Columbia.

## **How to Apply**

All applicants must complete an official application through the Postdoctoral Application Support Service. (PASS)

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